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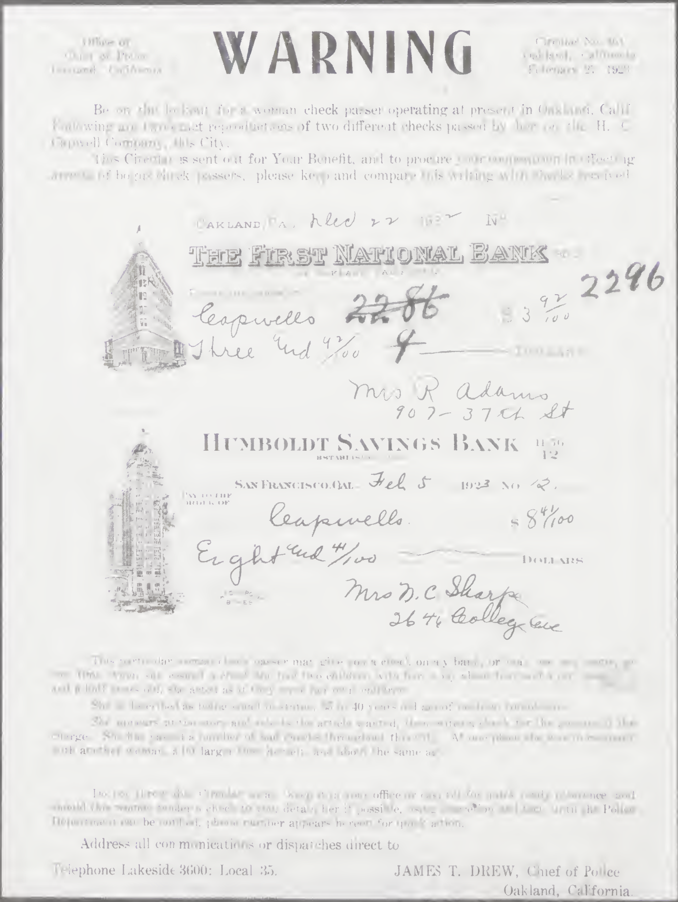

Office of
Chief of Police
Oakland, California

WARNING

Circular No. [illegible]
Oakland, California
February 2[illegible], 192[illegible]

Be on the lookout for a woman check passer operating at present in Oakland, Calif. Following are two exact reproductions of two different checks passed by her on the H. C. Capwell Company, this City.

This Circular is sent out for Your Benefit, and to procure your cooperation in effecting arrests of bogus check passers, please keep and compare this writing with checks received.

Oakland, Cal., Dec 22 192 No

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Capwells ~~22.86~~ $3 92/100 2296

Three and 92/100 ~~4~~ —— Dollars

Mrs R Adams
907 - 37th St

HUMBOLDT SAVINGS BANK 11-76
12

San Francisco, Cal. Feb 5 1923 No 12.

Pay to the order of Capwells $8 41/100

Eight and 41/100 —— Dollars

Mrs N. C. Sharpe
2646 College Ave

This particular woman check passer may give you a check on any bank, [illegible]

She is described as [illegible] 35 to 40 years old [illegible]

[illegible] She has passed a number of bad checks throughout this city. [illegible]

Do not throw this Circular away. Keep it in your office or [illegible] for quick ready reference, and should this woman tender a check to you detain her if possible, [illegible] until the Police Department can be notified, phone number appears hereon for quick action.

Address all communications or dispatches direct to

Telephone Lakeside 3600: Local 35.

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Write something for *The Check Collector*! We need articles about checks, check-related subjects, and fiscal documents.

We retype all material. Illustrations require an **original** or a **good, clear, black and white copy, preferably as large as can be obtained**. Original checks sent in are copied and returned carefully. Any questions, ask the Editor!

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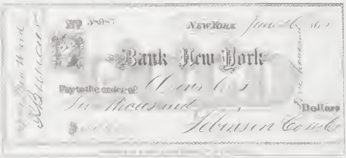

The cover, although of another era, is a good match to the lead story. Fraud and more fraud. Then there is overthrow of a government, a stripper as a Vice-President of a railroad, and an Index! Who said check collecting is unadventurous?

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Ketchum if You Can - The Wall Street Forgery

by Roger Patterson

Editor's note: In December I went to the movie *Catch Me if You Can*, and enjoyed it. Since then, Roger Patterson sent me copies of two pages from Harper's Weekly, page 547 from the issue of September 2, 1865 and page 597 from the issue of September 23 of that year detailing a Wall Street forgery scheme. There are a few similarities between the plot of the movie and the developments reported in the weekly magazine, as well as some very basic differences. The story apparently began in the issue before the first one quoted here, but one can get the idea very well. Here it is, followed by Roger's comments.

September 2, 1865:

THE WALL STREET SCANDALS

The Wall Street storm is subsiding, and the wreckers are busy over the craft which went to pieces in the gale. A few small defalcations and frauds have been brought to light by the general and thorough examination of accounts which followed the Jenkins and Ketchum developments; but there has been no revulsion, and the prophets of evil who likened the Ketchum explosion to the collapse of the Ohio Life and Trust Company in 1857, have thus far proved false augurs. So far as can be judged at present, the indications are for fair weather. Even Ketchum and Graham will pay substantial dividends to their creditors, and by singular good fortune, the losses caused by their failure will fall on people well able to bear them.

It is now important that the lesson taught by these frauds and disasters should not be thrown away. There are three cases before the courts, each of which should convey instructions to Wall Street.

...

Ketchum's case was thoroughly described in our last number. But few additional facts have come to light, though many falsehoods are current. One paper, which has often abused dealers in gold as traitors, insists that Ketchum went to pieces trying to "bull" gold; whereas, the fact is, he had latterly but little interest in the gold market, and only dealt in gold for the purpose of accounting for his being possessed of such quantities of gold checks. His arena was the stock market. Another paper solicits sympathy for Ketchum on the ground of his alleged loyalty. The fact is, the house was a bitter opponent of Mr. Chase, no friend to Mr. McCulloch, and a firm foe to investments in United States securities. Another paper lays the blame of Ketchum's forgeries on the Legal Tender Act. It might just as fairly be laid on the discovery of America. True, if there had been no Legal Tender Act Ketchum's forged gold checks would not have been good collateral. But if America had not been discovered there would have been no Ketchum to cheat and no Wall Street to be cheated. Why not abuse Columbus as well as Mr. Chase? A villain so unscrupulous, so double-dyed, so ingenious as Edward B. Ketchum would have robbed people any where, and under any circumstances.

Two hours before he fled a broker visited him with the weekly bank statement. He examined it with his usual languid interest, and discussed its effect on the market quite calmly. To a confidential suggestion with regard to his policy in the market he replied, with a lie that was familiar to his lips, that his interest was trifling.

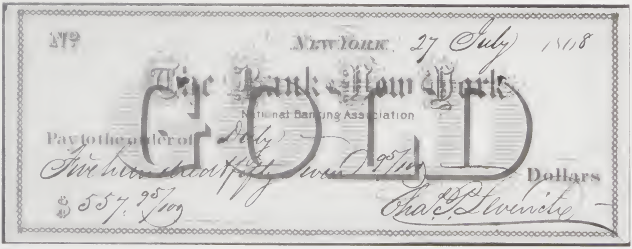

No
New York, 27 July 1868
The Bank of New York
National Banking Association
GOLD
Pay to the order of Daly
Five hundred fifty seven 95/100 Dollars
$557 95/100
Chas. P. Leverich

Figure 1. A check similar to the ones used by Ketchum in his forgeries. Printed by R.C. Root, Anthony & Co. of New York. The check is printed in red, with the word "GOLD" in gold type.

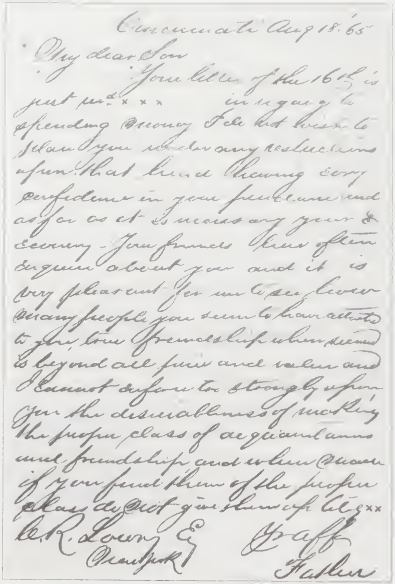
He was marvelous as a deceiver. A gentleman who traveled with him observed to a friend that he seemed to have none of the faults of a young man. He never drank, his language was always decorous, he did not gamble, and among women he was a Puritan. Yet it seems now that, with a wife only lately married to him, he kept a mistress in style not far from his own home. His affection for his father seemed exemplary; yet he did not scruple to plunge that father – who had labored forty years to accumulate a fortune – into the depths of penury and disgrace.

Some of his idiosyncrasies seem inexplicable. He not only kept accounts with a dozen or more brokers – some of them under feigned names – but actually kept as many as twenty different accounts with one house. These accounts were generally distinguished by letters, A, B, C, D, E, F, P, Q, X, Y, Z, and other combinations of letters. Edward B. Ketchum furnished the margins for all these cabalistic operators, and amused and perplexed his brokers by the variety and seeming contrariety of his orders. What his object was, unless to gratify his inordinate appetite for mysterious combinations, it were hard to say. It was no joke to be his broker. To one house he would send a slip of paper at 10 a.m. saying simply, "I have sold two millions of gold – Deliver for me to-day." Or again: "Borrow 10,000 Erie for me before 2 p.m." But his business was so profitable to his agents that they did not object to working hard for him.

He is said to have robbed the firm of which he was a member of the bulk of their securities. They were so sound a house, so universally trusted, that many persons, especially in New England, used to leave their stocks and bonds in their custody merely for safe keeping. A large proportion of these stocks and bonds young Ketchum is said to have abstracted. A question will arise, in connection with this branch of the case, touching the responsibility and the duties of copartners. There were four partners in the house of Ketchum, Son & Co. How could Edward B. Ketchum abstract these securities without their knowledge? There is in law a degree of neglect, known as crassa negligentia, which differs but infinitesimally from felonious intent.

The house has published a card disclaiming complicity in Edward B. Ketchum's operations. It has been generally received with derision. People cannot comprehend how so shrewd a man as Morris Ketchum can have been ignorant of the operations of the "Ketchum party" – as his son was called – when all the Wall Street operators and all the newspapers talked of nothing else. If the street gains nothing else by the Ketchum scandal, it ought to derive the lesson that in every banking firm each partner must assume his share of responsibility for the dealings of the firm as a whole, and of his copartners individually.

A question has arisen as to the disposal of the enormous sums of money with which young Ketchum seems to have made away. In gold and stocks, in 1863 and 1864, he must have made over a million. He seems to have obtained a million and a half by the issue of forged gold checks. And from his father's house he is said to have purloined some two millions worth of securities. In all, this youth of twenty five must have had a capital of $4,500,000 to trade upon. What has become of it? How much he lost on his short sales of stocks in January, February and March of this year no one can tell. In last number we set down the gains of his opponents in Erie at a million. Further inquiry leads us to estimate them at more than that figure. In other stocks he lost proportionate sums. There is reason to believe that the race-course at Saratoga, and not a few of the blood-horses which have run there this summer, were really paid for by Edward B. Ketchum, whose losses to their owners furnished the means for these flights of extravagance. It is supposed in some quarters that he went away with large sums of money. It will probably be found, if he is caught and tells the truth, that he had $70,000 when he ran away – neither more nor less.



Cincinnati Aug 18. 65

My dear Son

Your letter of the 16th is just recd x x x in regard to spending money I do not wish to place you under any restrictions upon that head having every confidence in your prudence and as far as it is necessary your & economy - Your friends here often enquire about you and it is very pleasant for me to see how many people you seem to have attached to you, true friendship when secured is beyond all price and value and I cannot impress too strongly upon you the desirableness of making the proper class of acquaintances and friendship and when made if you find them of the proper class do not give them up lightly xx

E.R. Lowry Esq
New York

Yr aff
Father

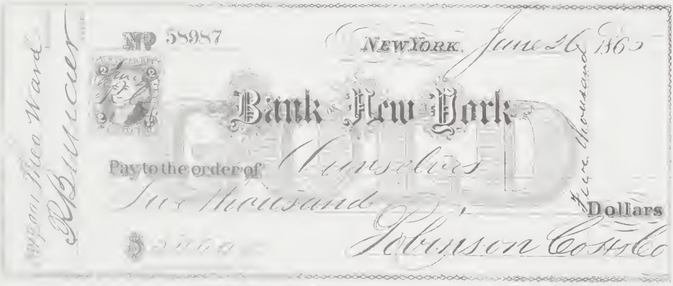
Figure 2. A facsimile of a forged letter written by E.A. Ketchumfor the purpose of supporting a false identity after his flight to avoid prosecution in New York.

To tell the truth, there is not much sympathy felt for his victims. Some of them were careless, others imprudent. What can be said of a broker who, knowing Edward B. Ketchum's means and his position as a junior partner in a house trusted by all men, speculated for him to the extent of ten and twenty million dollars? And these money-lenders who advanced money on his forged gold checks – receiving them in a bundle in a sealed envelope, and never subjecting them to any security – is any body surprised or much grieved at their losses? Que diable allaient-ils faire dans cette galère?

September 23, 1865:

THE WALL STREET FORGERY

We give on this page an illustration of a gold-check forged by Mr. Edward Ketchum, who has been indicted for larceny and forgery. We also give fac-similes of his forged handwriting, as shown in extracts from letters found upon his person at the time of his arrest; letters which were intended to appear as addressed to himself by his near relatives, and as supporting his assumed character as a Western merchant. In the gold check the word Gold, it should be stated, is printed in gold letters running across the check.



FAC-SIMILE OF A GOLD CHECK FORGED BY E. A. KETCHUM.

Figure 3. The picture printed in Harper's to illustrate the type of check forged by Ketchum. Note that this version has a place at the left for two signatures, unlike the one illustrated in **Figure 1**.

Checks were not often featured so boldly in news stories, and the clever, full-scale sketch in Harper's is a collector's delight, down to the passable R15 revenue.

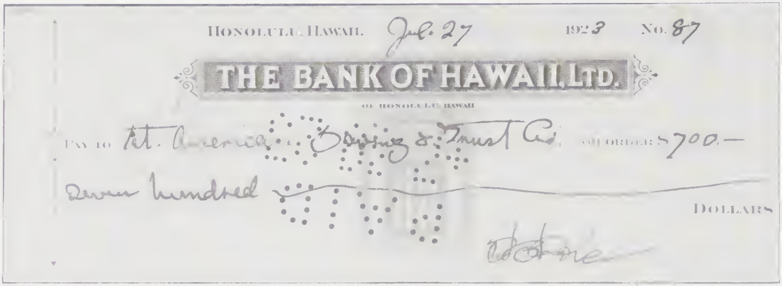
Fortunately, this old gold can be found in original form in the marketplace.

The 27th Annual International Paper Money Show will be held at the Cook Convention Center, 255 North Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee on June 13, 14 and 15, 2003. Show hours will run from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

A meeting of the ASCC is planned for early Saturday afternoon. Check the show program for the exact time and place. As I will not be there, John Wilson and Judith Murphy have volunteered to lead the meeting.

Sanford Dole

by Max Studley



Honolulu, Hawaii. Jul. 27 1923 No. 87

THE BANK OF HAWAII, LTD.

OF HONOLULU, HAWAII

Pay to Fst. America Savings & Trust Co. or order $700.—

Seven hundred Dollars

S B Dole

The Bank of Hawaii, Ltd. Check dated July 27, 1923, signed by S.B. Dole, transferring funds from his checking account to savings account at First American Savings & Trust Co. (Honolulu).

Sanford Ballard Dole: First Territorial Governor of Hawaii (1900-1903). Born 1844 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Died 1926 in Honolulu. The son of American missionaries. He studied at Williams College and became a leading lawyer on the Hawaiian Islands. Long active in efforts to reform the native Hawaiian government he became a leader after the revolution had overturned the Hawaiian Monarchy (1893) and became the first and only President of the Republic of Hawaii (1894-98). Hawaii was annexed as a U.S. Territory in 1900 and Dole was appointed by President McKinley as the first Territorial Governor (1900-03) and then as judge in the U.S. District Court (1903-15).

And yes, he was part of the famous Dole Pineapple family. His cousin, James Dole, founded the Hawaiian Pineapple Company in 1851, now known as Dole Food Company. James created the first successful pineapple growing and canning company.

Side note: This is the haole (mainlanders) version of Governor Dole's life. The Hawaiian version has a very different slant. I guess if somebody overturned your royal monarchy, you might see that person in a different light.

In the 1920's a cigar brand named Governor Dole appeared on the market. Both the cigar band and box label, complete with a picture of the Governor, are sought by collectors of cigar art.

The Two Cent Revenue Stamped Paper of the United States, 1865-1883

by Ronald Lesher

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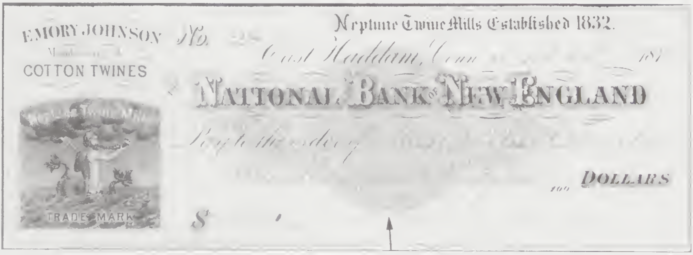

EMORY JOHNSON
COTTON TWINES
TRADE MARK

No.

Neptune Twine Mills Established 1832.

East Haddam, Conn 187

NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ENGLAND

Pay to the order of

100 DOLLARS

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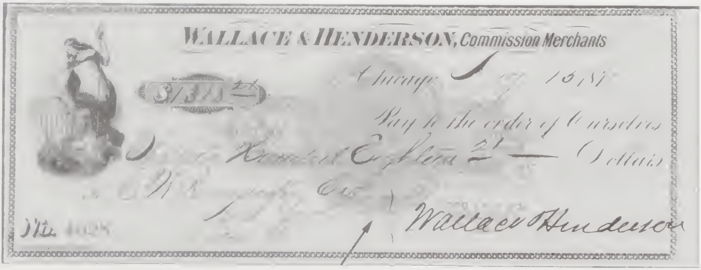

WALLACE & HENDERSON, Commission Merchants

Chicago 1881

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Pay to the order of Ourselves

Dollars

Wallace & Henderson

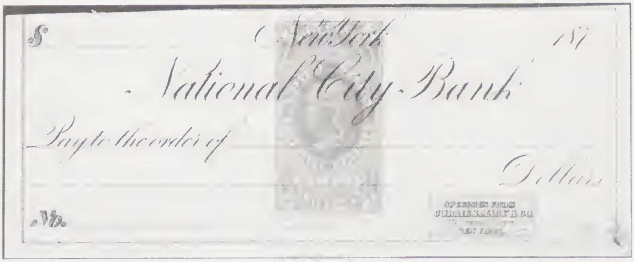
No. 4028

A piece of one of the dies in the bottom center broke off. The same break is shown with and without the instructive clause, demonstrating that the clause was on a separate die, added only when required by the government.

[The top check is printed in green. The bottom one is printed on a green background with slightly darker safety lines.]

C. AMERICAN PHOTOTYPE COMPANY
TYPE E - SALESMAN'S SAMPLE AND A BANK DRAFT

SAMPLE in Stamp Design



$ New York 187

National City Bank

Pay to the order of

Dollars

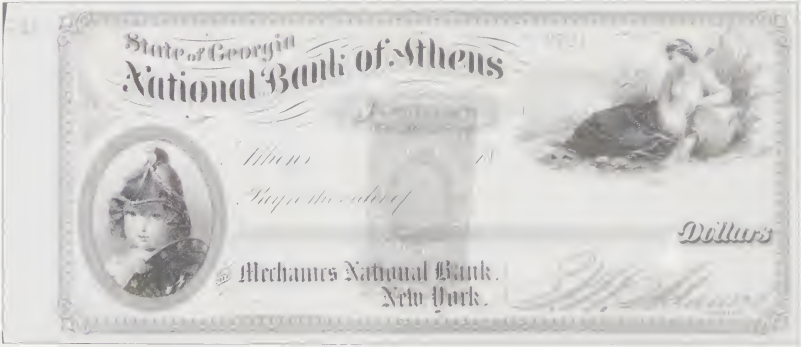
No.

SPECIMEN FROM

NEW YORK

American Phototype produced salesman's samples for stationers, like Corlies, Macy & Co. The word SAMPLE in the stamp design permitted production of these checks without charging the two cent tax for the stamps (the checks, of course, would never be used).

Bank Draft



State of Georgia

National Bank of Athens

Athens 18

Pay to the order of

Dollars

To Mechanics National Bank.
New York.

The fourth two-cent stamp design used for imprinting by the American Phototype Company features Benjamin Franklin. It was introduced in late 1871 and was delivered to check printers for less than a year

[The bottom draft was printed in black and green by the American Bank Note Company.]

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TYPE E - DIE DAMAGE

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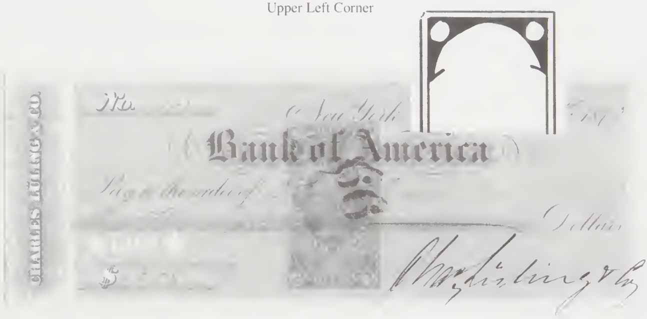

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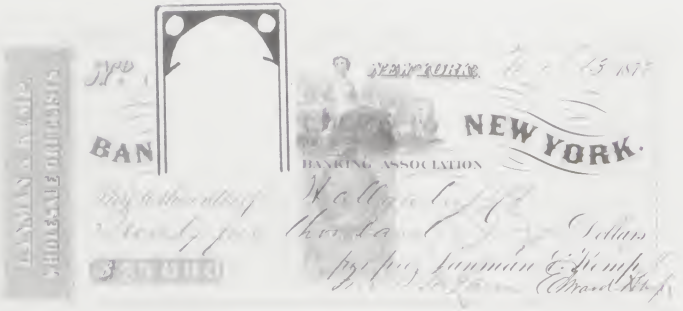


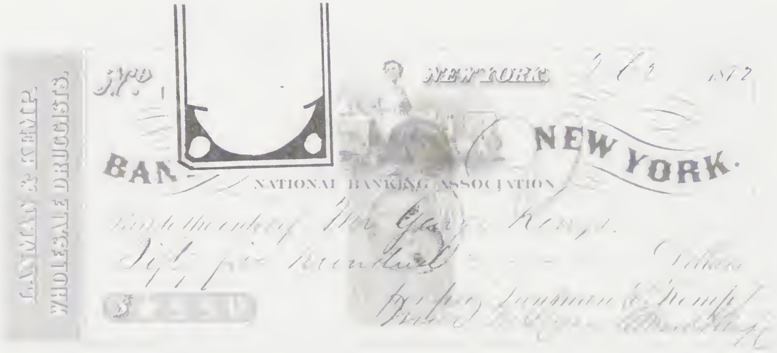
From Position 1 in a Sheet of Four Checks

The checks of Lanman & Kemp were printed 4-up. The stamp die used for the check in the top position of the sheet shows damage in the upper right corner, possibly from being dropped. Three of the four dies used to imprint the Lanman & Kemp checks show damage. This damage may have been the reason for the abandonment of this design after less than a year.

[The top check is printed in blue on a blue safety-tint paper. The bottom one is printed in violet.]

C. AMERICAN PHOTOTYPE COMPANY
TYPE E - DIE DAMAGE

Damaged Lower Left Corner



LANMAN & KEMP,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS.

No

NEW YORK 1872

BAN

NEW YORK.

NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION

Pay to the order of

Dollars

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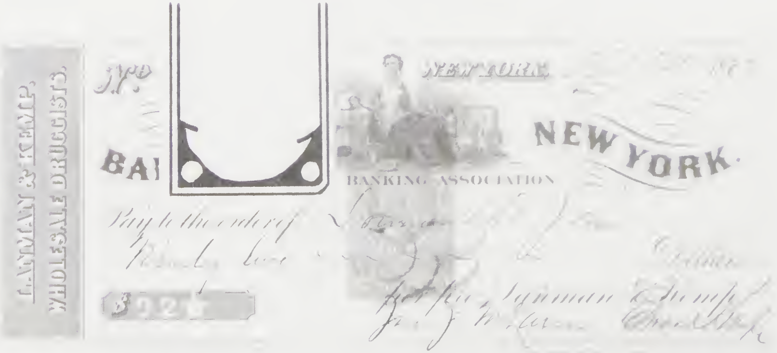
Lanman & Kemp

From Position 3 in the Sheet of Four Checks

Damaged Lower Right Corner



LANMAN & KEMP,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS.

No

NEW YORK 187

BA

NEW YORK.

BANKING ASSOCIATION

Pay to the order of

Dollars

$

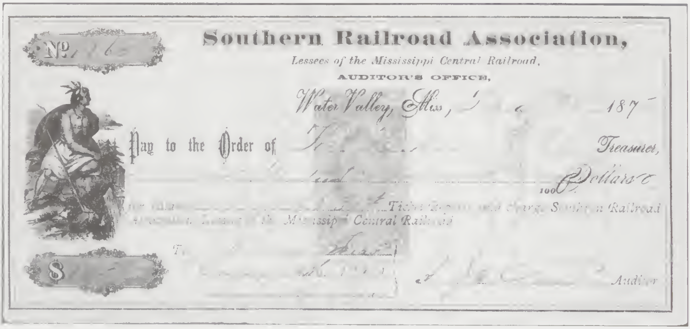
Lanman & Kemp

From Position 4 in a Sheet of Four Checks

[Both checks are printed in violet.]

C. AMERICAN PHOTOTYPE COMPANY
TYPE E - INSTRUCTIVE CLAUSES FOR SIGHT DRAFTS AND BANK CHECKS

"Good Only for Sight Draft"
in Two Lines at Base of Design



Southern Railroad Association,

Lessees of the Mississippi Central Railroad,

AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Water Valley, Miss., [illegible] 187

Pay to the Order of [illegible] Treasurer,

[illegible] 100 Dollars

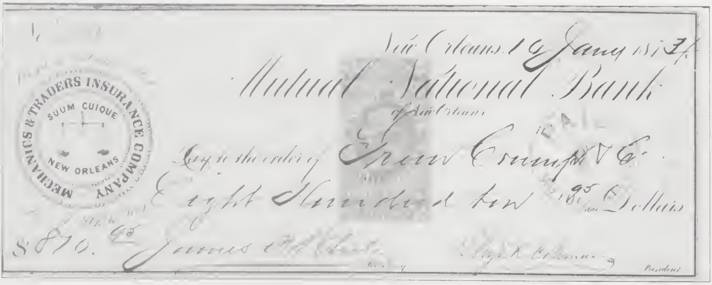
For [illegible] Ticket Agent and Charge Southern Railroad Association, Lessees of the Mississippi Central Railroad

To [illegible]

Auditor

The instructive clause has been added in two lines at the base of the stamp. This example is on a railroad draft, the common form used by the railroads for settling debts among themselves.

"Good Only for Bank Draft"



MECHANICS & TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY

SUUM CUIQUE

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans 19 Jany 187

Mutual National Bank

of New Orleans

Pay to the order of Irvin Crump & Co.

Eight Hundred ten 95/100 Dollars

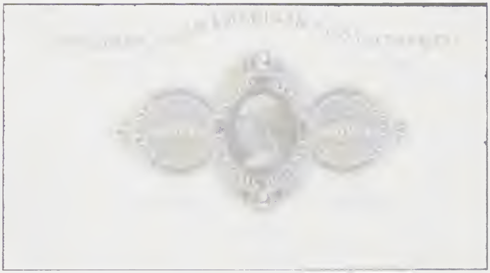
$810.95/100

President

The instructive clause "Good Only for Bank Check" was incorporated within the design. This example is from Louisiana, one of the most difficult states from which to find stamped paper.

C. AMERICAN PHOTOTYPE COMPANY
TYPE D

Pink Sample



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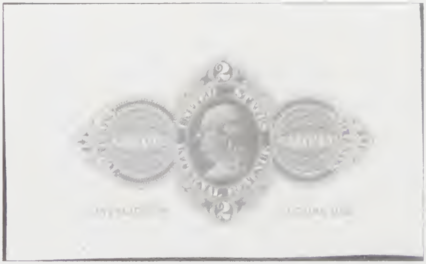

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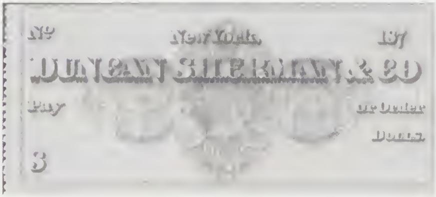
Miniature or "Tom Thumb" Check



No New York, 187

DUNCAN SHERMAN & CO

Pay or Order

Dollars

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Miniature checks that fit into a vest pocket, the so-called "Tom Thumb" checks, are not frequently seen.

[The Tom Thumb check is printed in brown on a yellow underprint.]

C. AMERICAN PHOTOTYPE COMPANY
TYPE D - SALESMAN'S SAMPLE AND A BANK CHECK

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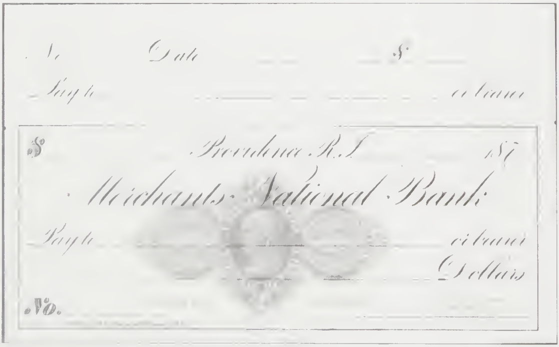
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Pay to or bearer

$ Providence R.I. 187

Merchants National Bank

Pay to or bearer

Dollars

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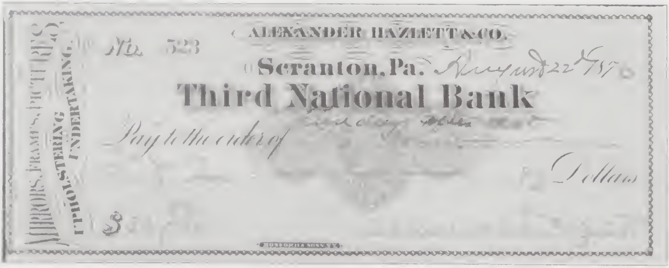
ALEXANDER HAZLETT & CO.

No. 523

Scranton, Pa. August 22d 187

Third National Bank

ten days after date

Pay to the order of

Dollars

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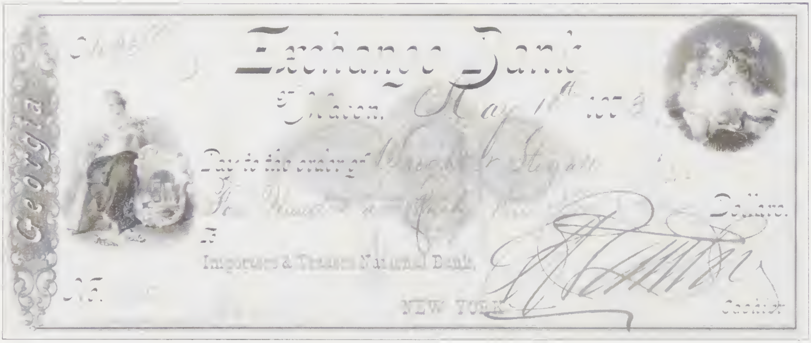
MIRRORS, FRAMES, PICTURES, UPHOLSTERING, UNDERTAKING.

A fascinating check for several reasons. First is the array of products that Alexander Hazlett & Co. advertises: mirrors, frames, pictures, upholstering and undertaking. From a philatelic point of view the addition of the phrase "ten days after date" turned the check into a time draft, which was not subject to any tax after October 1, 1872.

[The check at bottom is printed on a tan safety background tint.]

C. AMERICAN PHOTOTYPE COMPANY
TYPE D - ENGRAVED CASHIER'S CHECKS

Georgia Usage



Georgia

Exchange Bank

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Pay to the order of

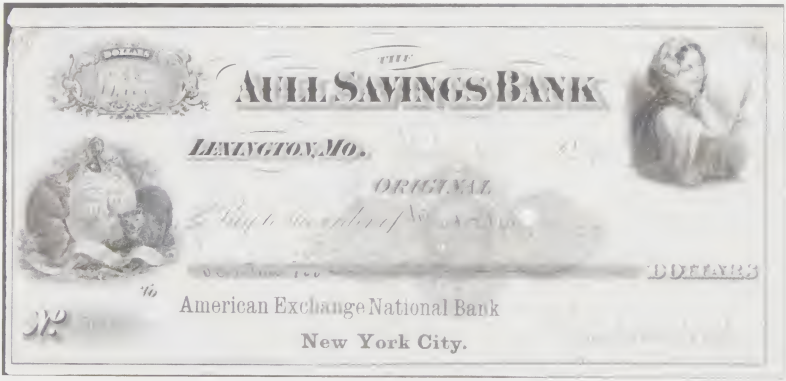
Dollars.

Importers & Traders National Bank,

NEW YORK

Cashier

Missouri Usage



THE

AULL SAVINGS BANK

LEXINGTON, MO.

ORIGINAL

Pay to the order of

DOLLARS

To

American Exchange National Bank

New York City.

The banks continued to use the bank note companies to produce engraved cashier's checks almost appearing as if the instrument was a bank note itself.

[The names of the secondary banks are in color, violet for the Georgia instrument and dark blue for the Missouri one.]

This is the ninth installment in a continuing series which will eventually reprint Ron Lesher's gold-medal winning exhibit of two-cent Civil War revenue stamped paper. It will be continued in the next issue.

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Carolina Narrow-Gauge Railroads

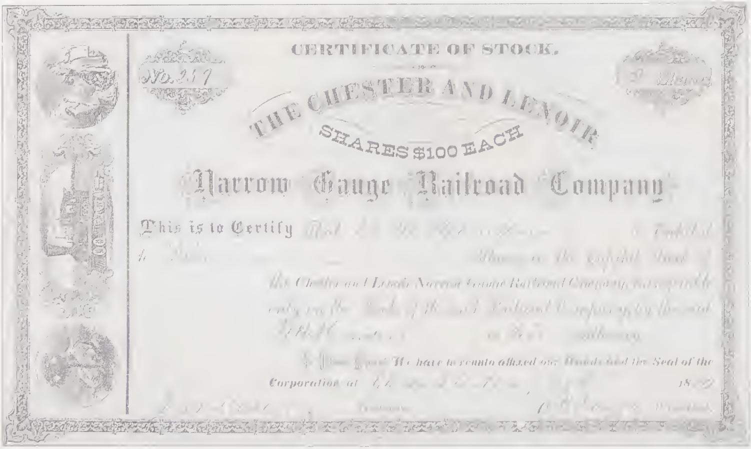
by Coleman Leifer

Most narrow gauge railroads operated in the mining and forest areas of the Western United States. There were some, however that ran in the East. Two of these were the Chester and Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad and the Cheraw and Chester Narrow Gauge Railroad. The two lines connected with each other at Chester, South Carolina. For a time, through trains were run over the two lines.

CHESTER AND LENOIR

The Chester and Lenoir, in 1874, purchased the Kings Mountain Railroad which ran from Chester SC to York SC. The line was extended northward to Lenoir, NC by 1884. The 120-mile line was the longest narrow-gauge line in the Carolinas. During the next ten years the railroad was operated as part of the Richmond and Danville RR which eventually became part of the Southern Railway system. By 1896 the line, by then operating independently of the Southern, was forced into receivership and reorganized as the Carolina and Northwestern. In 1902 the line was converted to standard gauge.

The Carolina and Northwestern continued to operate into the post-World War II era. Most of what was the Chester and Lenoir has now been abandoned. A 22-mile portion of the line, between Hickory and Leaner, is now owned by the Caldwell County Railroad. The Norfolk Southern operates some trackage in the Gastonia NC area.



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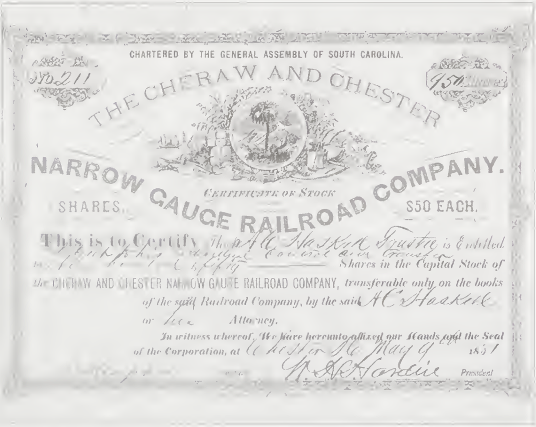
In 1896 the line came under foreclosure and was sold on the Chester County courthouse steps for $25,000. It was purchased by Colonel Leroy Springs, founder of Springs Industries, a cotton mill.

Col. Springs changed the name of the line to the Lancaster and Chester and it became known as the Springmaid Line. By 1902 the L&C was converted to standard gauge. It struggled through the next several years beset by fires, floods and derailments. One of the more interesting events occurred one day when a tornado came through. One of their freight trains was moving along at the time and the tornado lifted the box car behind the engine off the tracks and deposited it along the right-of-way. The remaining cars moved forward and coupled with the engine. The train continued on its way, the engineer oblivious to what had occurred.



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In 1931, Col. Springs died and his son, Elliott White Springs, took charge of the railroad and the cotton mill. He led the railroad through the Depression and expanded its operation. Twenty-nine vice-presidents were named to the Board of Directors, one for each of the line's 29 miles. The Vice President of Unveiling was Gypsy Rose Lee, the famous striptease dancer. Elliott Springs was also responsible for some the more imaginative post-World War II advertising slogans for the cotton mill ("Springmaid sheets are known as America's Favorite Playground").

The Lancaster and Chester Railroad is still operating, and prospering, today. In 2001 it signed an agreement with the Norfolk Southern to operate another 30 miles of line connecting with its Lancaster terminal.

Gypsy Rose Lee at an unveiling.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was particularly interested in Coleman Leifer's article "Railroad Passes" in the October-December issue of *The Check Collector*. Having attempted to catalog all of the railroad passes in Vol. 6 of the *Field Guide to Revenue Stamped Paper*, there was every reason to expect an Erie Railroad pass from 1870 to someday appear. The passes of 1869 and 1871 are catalogued under Type P and the 1872 pass is listed under Type Q. Now, thanks to Coleman's article, we can include the 1870 pass under the Type P listing.

In addition, Coleman's article listed and illustrated a hitherto unknown type of pass usage, the Stock Drover's Pass. It is particularly exciting to add an entirely new usage to this growing list of fascinating revenue stamped paper.

Bill Castenholz, VotP

Dear Mr. Hohertz,

.. I am now handling Herman Boraker's collection. As you know he recently passed away. He had an incredible amount of stuff which has gotten me interested again. I have over 200 three-ring binders of checks and related information. He had binders of checks, mostly modern, dated, say, Feb. 12, Feb. 22, Feb. 29, March 17, April 1, May 1, June 14, July 4, Aug 1 etc. etc. It is an amazing group. And I haven't gone through all of it by any means.

Part of the reason for writing you and sending you the check for membership is so you know I'm re-joining and as editor you might want to publish what I've just told you as a news item. If anyone has a specific interest or wants a certain item or items that they remembered Herman as having, they can write me (address on Secretary's Page – ed) or e-mail me at KenHallenbeck@cs.com and I'll try to accomodate them. If they write a stamped self addressed return envelope is important for a reply.

Herman was a special man, always a gentleman and generous. I'll miss him as a customer, but a lot more as a special friend. Oh yes, there is someone who is interested in the whole collection, so we'll have to see how this plays out.

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I'll look forward to *The Check Collector*. Incidentally, I got your address from the ANA Library. You sending them a copy is a good thing.

Sincerely,
Ken (Hallenbeck)

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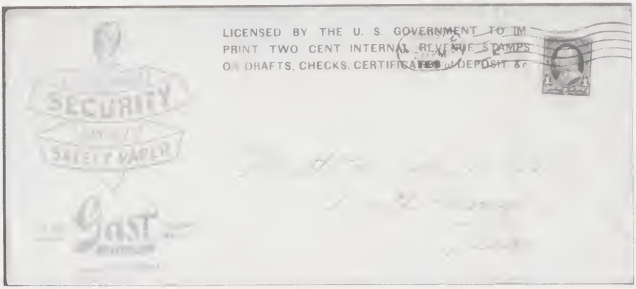
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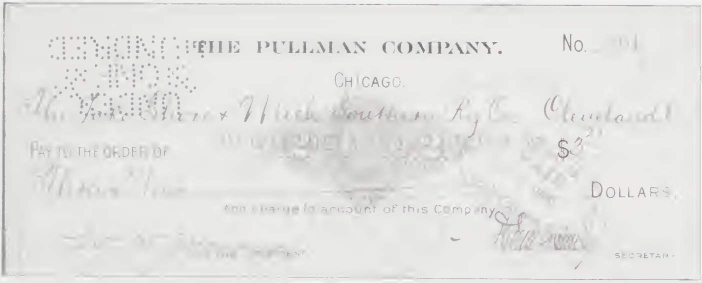
An Important Catalog: Eric Jackson informs me that he is preparing a catalog of the most interesting items from the check collection put together by Bill Buford. Most of these will be revenue stamped paper, but I am not sure all will. This will be a high-quality catalog, and Eric feels it will be a memorial to Bill as much as a sales piece. If you are interested in having one let Eric know. I am sure there will be a cost for the catalog, but judging from the one he put together for Bill's Twentieth Century revenues, it will be well worth the money.



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Bob

Secretary's Report

Coleman Leifer

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1756	COLE, GEOFF (D) Box 88 Lund BC V0N 2G0 CANADA (ASCC website)	2 (Western), 4, 6, 8, 20-23, 26, 30-31
1758	FRITZ, BOB PO Box 1548 Sun City AZ 85372 (from virtualstampclub.com)	1-4, 7, 20-22, 30-32
1757	GERRY, GEORGE 1006 Speake Rd Huntsville AL 35816 (by Oregon Paper Money Exchange)	1, 2 (NV), 25, 30
1759	JORGE, ELTON 140 Cottage Ave McIntosh MN 56555 (by Roger Patterson)	2 (territories - pre-statehood), 4, 31

REINSTATED

0056	ALLEN, HAROLD DON 6150, Avenue Bienville Brossard PQ J4Z 1W8 CANADA (thru SPMC)	1, 5, 8, 10, 24, 32
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Collector of Missouri checks looking to trade and correspond with other collectors of Missouri financial paper. **Gregg Voss**, 13 Roland Ave., Ballwin, MO 63021. Phone 314-230-9274.

Wanted: early U.S. picture postcards - have nice checks to trade. **Gary Ronk**, 6247 Cove Road, Roanoke, VA 24019. Phone 540-562-2368.

Wanted: RN cehcks, drafts, documents from AK, DC, NJ, WY. Will buy or trade. Send photocopies/scans with asking price. Peter Martin, POB 791, State College, PA 16804. E-mail pmartin@aol.com.

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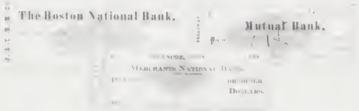

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